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MEMORANDUM

TO: Miss Barbara M. Watson 12/21/78

FROM: Peter K. Murphy

SUBJECT: Press Conference of Congressman Thos. B. Evans, Jr.

Mr. Darry Carmine, staff assistant to Congressman Evans, called me an hour after the Deleware delegation left our briefing this morning to inform us that the Congressman held a Press Conference at his office. Carmine indicated that there were several reporters at the conference, especially from the Deleware area.

Main points made by Congressman Evans were:

- Conference took a "positive tone" and ended on a "wait-and-see" note.

- Evans praised State, DOD and Justice for the work they have done to date in the Guyana tragedy.

- He discussed "final disposition alternatives of the remains presently held in Dover.

- He reported that State indicated that they were confident that the identification of the children would soon be speeded up - with the assistance of the Task Force in San Francisco - and that, as a result, State/DOD would have the problem well in hand by February 1, 1979.

- He mentioned that the press was very interested in the possibility of setting up a "shrine/memorial park in Deleware. Evans stated that there was no possibility that there would be any mass grave site or memorial in Deleware and that he had received assurance from State that none was contemplated.

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